

**City of Newton**  
**Crime Prevention Commission**

(Alternatively referred to below as CPC or the Commission)

**Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

7:00pm - Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

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**Active Commissioners Present:** Frank Wolpe (Chair), Richard Catrambone, and Bernard Goulding

**Commissioners' Consultants (formerly called Visiting Guests) Present:** Barbara Wong, and Abby M. Wolpe

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** NPD Lt. Bruce Apotheker

**Guests Present:** Ken Brown, Paul D'Amore, and Julia Torres

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Frank Wolpe, Chair who welcomed all present, including 1<sup>st</sup> time guests.

The meeting opened with Kayla Torres, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade Gold Badge Girl Scout / Crime Prevention Commission guest. She reported on her ambitious plan to provide 60 teddy bears to Newton children from abusive homes (delivered by NPD officers.) all present commended her and her proud mother (a Zervas Elementary School teacher.)



Left to right – A police employee, NPD Lt. Bruce Apotheker, Kayla Torres, Commission Chair Frank Wolpe, and Sarah Perry, Executive Director, Second Step.

The Chair then introduced our distinguished speaker, Sarah Perry, Executive Director, Second Step. She talked about the inner workings of her organization as well as domestic violence issues where we might work together. Her approach was informal with an interactive presentation woven with questions and comments. We learned about her wonderful group that partners with adult and child survivors of domestic violence. She reported how they work hard to identify pathways for victims who need healing, housing, and financial security. They believe that all people have a right to safety and dignity in relationships; so they are dedicated to responding to each family at the individual, community and societal level to end domestic violence. Their vision is a world free from intimate partner violence; a place where every home is a safe home; and a community where those who may be suffering abuse can access the resources they need to safely make other choices.

The Chair indicated that he would visit the Second Step office in Newtonville after the holidays to establish ways the Commission can deepen its relationship and help advance both our missions to help those in Newton who are served.

Neighbors Ken Brown and Paul D'Amore also appeared as guests who expressed interest in developing a Neighborhood Watch at Albemarle Playground akin to what Sami O'Reilly, Consultant Member, has already done in Nonantum. We agreed to work with them.

On a motion made by the Chair, and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.